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Occupied Germany

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 20 July 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half-month period 16—30 June 1946 (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

After four consecutive weeks without any reported cases of typhus fever, one case in Frankfurt, Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden was reported during the current week. While the incidence of communicable diseases has not shown any change of particular significance there has been an increase in whooping cough in both Greater Hesse and Wuerttemberg-Baden and typhoid fever has increased slightly in all three Laender. The incidence of poliomyelitis has doubled that of the previous week with 13 reported cases and three deaths during the week ended 20 July. Also there has been a general increase of reported cases of gonorrhea and syphilis throughout the Zone. Reported cases of measles, diphtheria, and malaria decreased during the current week with measles showing a slight decrease in all three Laender. Diphtheria decreased in all Laender but there was an increase of nine cases in US Sector of Berlin. Malaria has decreased from 37 cases during the previous week to 34 during the current week with US Sector Berlin reporting one death and a decrease of five cases.

Medical Supplies:

Bremen reports receipt of a replenishment stock of penicillin for the VD Control Program and 510,000 units of insulin from US Military Government sources.

Hospitalization:

Greater Hesse reports concrete plans for public health operations in the coming winter. At Friedberg 150 beds are to be made available for a VD hospital. The old Burgeff champagne factory near Mainz is being converted into a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis examinations will start operations. In spite of 5000 canvas cots released by Military Government, Greater Hesse is still in need of 2,000 hospital beds. As the result of an extensive inspection of major border control distributing centers in Bavaria it is reported that all centers not only have adequate hospital facilities but are also provided with adequate reserve. Land Bavaria has also formulated a plan providing for 30,000 emergency beds and facilities in case of an epidemic or other emergency. This plan includes the emergency use of schools and other buildings together with beds and other facilities to be obtained from families within the community. In Wuerttemberg-Baden the hospital situation in Kreis Vaihingen is inadequate with only 3 beds per 1000 inhabitants as against the public health standard of 11 per 1000. There are no available tuberculosis beds but efforts are being made to find suitable quarters for tuberculous patients.

Nutrition:

As the result of recent nutrition surveys carried out in Nuertingen and Stuttgart, Land Wuerttemberg-Baden, weight figures in Stuttgart indicate a continued downward trend in many categories but there is no serious threat of starvation nor was there any discovery of serious incidence of deficiency signs. In Nuertingen, clinical data revealed that only persons over 60 years of age have dropped significantly below the critical level of body weight. Incidence of deficiency signs was relatively low with evidence of rickets in only 1.5% of children up to three years. Evidence of weight losses in the older age groups continues to be reported from expellee and refugee camps but there appears no serious threat of starvation.

Sanitation:

Land Bavaria reports a review of the typhus control program in anticipation of the expected fall and winter increase of the disease. A sufficient quantity of louse-type vaccine to immunize 300,000 people is available from former Wehrmacht stocks and is being tested for potency. Also, in Bavaria plans have been implemented to register and control all typhoid and paratyphoid carriers. At present consideration is being given to the advisability of controlled immunization of the population of approximately 30 Kreise in Bavaria in which during the past six months typhoid fever has been present in more or less endemic form.

Animal Diseases:

Swine erysipelas has continued to increase, despite immunization and other control measures. The foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in RB Wiesbaden has diminished considerably but many farms are still infected. The feared spread of hog cholera has not occurred.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 20 July 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: Cases	d: Deaths		
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic			Malaria	Influenza
TOTAL US Zone	£ 16,201,284	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	615 21	186 3	681 157	123 22	786 4	6 —	13 3	2761 —	795 9	98 —	21 —	48 —	1 —	—	11 —	3044 —	—	1 1	34 1	5 —	157 —
Mainfranken	935,625	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	20 1	8 —	44 6	9 —	33 —	1 —	1 —	53 —	14 —	15 —	2 —	1 —	—	—	—	201 —	—	—	1 —	—	1 —
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	83 1	26 —	78 23	2 —	37 —	1 —	1 —	391 —	99 —	10 —	—	10 —	—	—	—	590 —	—	1 —	1 —	—	28 —
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	55 4	21 —	59 11	9 —	65 —	1 —	1 —	296 —	56 —	18 —	2 —	—	—	—	—	580 —	—	—	—	—	6 —
Schwaben	1,040,631	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	36 2	9 —	41 5	3 —	108 —	—	—	174 —	45 —	5 —	6 —	2 —	—	—	—	176 —	—	—	—	—	9 —
Oberbayern	2,160,916	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	82 4	19 1	62 10	6 2	101 1	—	1 —	389 —	132 —	6 —	1 —	3 —	—	—	—	286 —	—	—	2 —	—	77 —
Kassel	1,153,323	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	36 2	8 —	40 5	11 2	30 —	—	—	149 —	45 —	4 —	—	2 —	—	—	1 —	192 —	—	—	—	—	9 —
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	60 3	15 —	66 13	16 4	52 1	1 —	4 —	428 —	131 —	10 —	4 —	1 —	1 —	—	—	—	—	1 —	—	14 —	
Hessen	1,178,132	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	46 —	13 —	54 14	3 3	123 —	1 —	1 —	209 —	59 —	2 —	2 —	1 —	—	—	10 —	285 —	—	—	2 —	2 —	—
Baden	1,249,127	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	50 2	18 2	94 13	29 5	88 1	—	—	211 —	63 —	11 —	1 —	3 —	—	—	—	602 —	—	—	3 —	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	81 1	22 —	72 16	20 2	149 —	1 —	4 —	205 —	51 —	8 —	3 —	7 —	—	—	—	132 —	—	1 —	1 —	3 —	13 —
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	48 2	4 1	35 10	7 —	—	1 —	1 —	142 —	49 —	3 —	3 —	2 —	—	—	—	302 —	—	—	1 —	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	66 1	27 —	71 41	15 2	—	—	—	256 —	100 —	9 —	—	18 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	23 1	—	—

+ No data submitted. £ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 20 July 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																								c: Cases		d: Deaths	
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
Bavaria	8,169,731	P 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	276	83	284	29	344	3	4	1303	346	54	11	16	—	—	—	1833	—	—	4	—	121	
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	P 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	142	36	160	30	205	2	5	786	235	16	6	4	1	—	11	477	—	—	3	2	23	
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	P 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	131	40	166	49	237	1	4	416	114	19	4	10	—	—	—	734	—	—	4	3	13	
Bremen Port Command	478,106	P 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	4	35	7	+	1	1	142	49	3	3	2	—	—	—	302	—	—	1	—	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	27	71	15	+	—	—	256	100	9	1	18	—	—	—	+	—	—	23	+	+	

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731									17.55	5.28	18.06	1.84	21.88	.19	.25	82.87	22.00	3.43	.70	1.02	—	—	—	116.58	—	—	.25	—	7.69
Greater Hesse	3,793,452		.14	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.47	4.93	21.94	4.11	28.10	.27	.68	107.76	32.22	2.19	.82	.55	.14	—	1.51	65.40	—	.41	.27	3.15	
Württemberg-Baden	3,293,283			—	—	—	—	—	—	20.68	6.32	26.21	7.74	37.42	.16	.63	65.69	18.00	3.00	.63	1.58	—	—	—	115.90	—	.16	.63	.47	2.05
Bremen Port Command	478,106			—	—	—	—	—	—	52.20	4.35	38.07	7.61	—	1.09	1.09	154.44	53.29	3.26	3.26	2.17	—	—	—	328.45	—	—	1.09	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.33	14.86	39.08	8.26	+	—	—	140.50	55.04	4.95	—	9.91	—	—	—	+	—	12.66	+	+	+

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 20 July 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery Infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	16,201,284	.03	—	—	—	—	—	19.74	5.97	21.86	3.95	25.23	.19	.42	88.63	25.52	3.14	.67	1.54	.03	.35	97.71	—	.03	1.09	.16	5.04
Mainfranken	935,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.12	4.45	24.45	5.00	18.34	.55	.55	29.46	7.78	8.34	1.11	.55	—	—	111.71	—	—	.55	—	.55
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.93	6.24	18.73	.48	8.88	.24	.24	93.88	23.77	2.40	—	2.40	—	—	141.66	—	—	.24	—	6.72
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.32	5.85	16.44	2.51	18.11	.28	.28	82.46	15.60	5.01	.56	—	—	—	181.59	—	—	—	—	1.67
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	17.99	4.50	20.49	1.50	53.97	—	—	86.95	22.49	2.50	3.00	1.00	—	—	87.95	—	—	—	—	4.50
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.73	4.57	14.92	1.44	24.30	—	.24	93.59	31.76	1.44	.24	.72	—	—	68.81	—	—	.48	—	18.53
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.23	3.61	18.04	4.96	13.53	—	—	67.18	20.29	1.80	—	.90	—	.45	86.57	—	—	—	—	4.06
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	.35	—	—	—	—	—	21.34	5.33	23.48	5.69	18.50	.35	1.42	152.24	46.60	3.56	1.42	.35	—	—	—	—	.35	—	—	4.98
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.30	5.74	23.83	1.32	54.29	.44	.44	92.25	26.04	.88	.88	.44	—	4.41	125.80	—	—	.88	.88	—
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.81	7.49	39.13	2.07	36.63	—	—	87.84	26.23	4.58	.42	1.25	—	—	250.61	—	—	1.25	—	—
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.61	5.60	18.32	5.09	37.90	.25	1.02	52.15	12.97	2.03	.76	1.78	—	—	33.58	—	.25	.25	.76	3.31
Bremen Port Command	£ 478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.20	4.35	38.07	.76	—	1.09	1.09	151.44	53.29	3.26	3.26	2.17	—	—	318.45	—	—	1.09	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.33	14.86	39.08	8.26	+	—	—	140.90	55.04	4.95	—	9.91	—	—	+	—	—	12.66	+	+

+ No data Submitted £ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per population 10,000 per Annum).

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 16-30 June 1946 (Summarized from Semi-monthly Reports of Regierungsbezirkstierärzte)

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Regierungsbezirk	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Cotial vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle	Piroplasmosis of cattle
TOTAL US ZONE 1-15 May			18	19	8				4	310	8	3	1		34		304			2	82	2		2	12	
TOTAL US ZONE 16-31 May			11		19			7	7	456	24	3	16		13		307			1	86	3		2	8	5
TOTAL US ZONE 1-15 June			7		4			3	3	452	242	7	6		9	2	185			1	117	3			4	3
TOTAL US ZONE 16-30 June	1	10	36		3			7	7	672	129	2	92		10	2	241				161	3			4	8
LAND BAVARIA	1	9			3					362		1	92		3		241				137	2				
Mainfranken																										
Ober- & Mittelfranken *																										
Nied. Bay'n & Oberpfalz *																										
Schwaben					3					48		1	89								49					
Oberbayern *																										
LAND GREATER HESSE		1	36							180	129				2	2					5					8
Kassel		1								68					1											8
Wiesbaden										47	129					2					4					
Hessen				36						65					1						1					
LAND WUERTTEMBERG-BADEN																										
Baden									7	130		1			5						2				4	
Württemberg										45					1										4	
BREMEN ENCLAVE															4						2					
BERLIN DIST. (US Sector)									7	85		1									17	1				

* Data for these Reg. Bez. not reported separately; but are included in Bavaria total.

